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**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION  
AND REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

Dear Sir:

The present response completes a Request for Continued Examination. Applicant hereby requests continuation of prosecution.

Claims 1, 3, 13-14, 17-18 and 20 stand rejected as obvious in view of Palmaz, et al (WO 01/74274 A2) in view of Casey (Pub. No. US 2004/0019375). Claims 2, 11-12, 15, and 19 stand rejected as obvious over Palmaz in view of Casey, and further in view of Chuter et al. (US 2003/0176912). Claims 6-7, 9-10, and 21-22 stand rejected as obvious in view of Palmaz in

view of Casey and Chuter, and further in view of Kula et al. (6,325,825). No claims have been added.

No additional claims have been cancelled.

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The remarks begin on page 8.